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April 21, 2006

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2373: Supreme Court opinion; single subject

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2373, which would have required the State Supreme Court to issue an advisory opinion on any ballot initiative that gets ten percent of the number of signatures required to qualify for the ballot.

This bill is not the appropriate solution to the problem of rooting out initiatives that violate the single subject rule before they reach the ballot. This bill would force the Supreme Court to review a significant number of petitions that ultimately will not qualify for the ballot for reasons unrelated to the single subject rule.

Moreover, House Bill 2373 would require the Court to consider initiatives outside the context of the adversarial system of American jurisprudence. Although the bill permits interested parties to be heard, only the Arizona legislative council is required to brief the Court, and there is no guarantee that the Court will receive the benefit of multiple points of view on any particular initiative.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 2373.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.
Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: Hon. Ken Bennett
Hon. Laura Knaperek

Passed the House February 13, 2006

by the following vote: 34 Ayes

23 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Asst. Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 4, 2006

by the following vote: 26 ayes

4 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Charmian Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

 day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

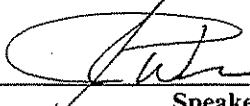
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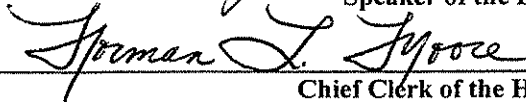
April 17, 2006

by the following vote: 33 Ayes,

22 Nays, 5 Not Voting



Speaker of the House



Chief Clerk of the House

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This Bill was received by the Governor this

17th day of April, 2006

at 3:20 o'clock P. M.


Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

_____, 20_____,
at **VETO** o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

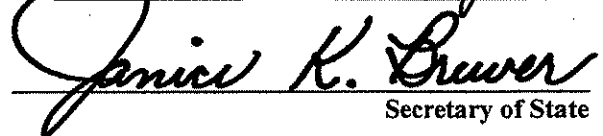
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 21 day of April, 2006,

at 2:06 o'clock P. M.


Secretary of State